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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

7 DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) NO. 08-7124M
9 Plaintiff,)
10 Vs.) ORDER
11 ALDO ROMERO-MERCADO,)
12 Defendant.)
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14 Having considered Defendant ALDO ROMERO-MERCADO's Motion to Extend Time
15 and good cause having been shown:

16 THE COURT makes the following findings:

17 1. Counsel for Defendant has only recently been appointed;

18 2. The Defendant earnestly wishes to consider the plea offer extended by the

19 Government;

20 3. The Defendant wishes to investigate possible defenses prior to considering the
21 Government's plea offer;

22 4. The Government's plea offer, if accepted by the Defendant and then the Court,
23 would likely reduce Defendant's exposure to a significant term of imprisonment;

24 5. If the Defendant does not timely accept the plea offer prior to indictment, the
25 government will withdraw said plea offer and any subsequent plea offer after indictment would
26 likely be less advantageous to the Defendant;

27 6. Failure to extend time for indictment in this instance would thus operate to bar
28 defendant from reviewing the Government's plea offer in a meaningful way prior to indictment;

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2 7. The ends of justice served by this continuance outweigh the best interest of the
3 public and the Defendant in a speedy indictment.

4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Extend Time for Indictment
5 requesting an extension of thirty (30) days within which the Government may seek to indict
6 Defendant, is hereby granted.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that excludable time shall begin to run on the 31st day after
8 arrest for a period of thirty (30) days in which the government may present the case to the grand
9 jury.

10 DATED this 17th day of April, 2008.

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14 Edward C. Voss
United States Magistrate Judge
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